

When can you park a vehicle on a footpath?

How many motorists should get away with parking on pavements, or on part of them, in Teesdale?

That thorny question was raised once more by Teesdale accident prevention panel, after protests that too much of it was still going on.

Police Insp David Corfield said there had to be a balance, because at times it was better to let some vehicles stand partly on pavements.

In certain cases this was preferable to having them on the road and holding up other traffic for a time.

In other cases the best solution was for a policeman to tell the driver to move on quickly, without taking any other action.

"If we take a Draconian line and say that everyone who parks on pavements in Teesdale has to be issued with a fixed penalty ticket, we will be doing nothing else all day," he added.

They had to take a balanced view and accept that in towns like Barnard Castle and some other parts of the dale it was better to have a vehicle partly on the pavement than in the centre of the road.

The inspector said he would like to see yellow lines banning people from parking close to corners. He also felt a one-way system would be a good feature in the future in King Street, coupled with an entrance and exit system for the car park.

CROSSROADS DECLARED TO BE TOO DANGEROUS

Some changes may be made at Kinnivie crossroads, which a number of drivers regard as one of the most dangerous spots in Teesdale.

Architect Angus Forsyth is campaigning for improvements to what he describes as an extremely hazardous junction.

In a letter to Teesdale accident prevention panel he stated that anyone coming on the minor road from the Woodland direction had too little time to see traffic coming either direction on the main road.

Anyone wishing to drive over had less than four seconds to reach the other side if a vehicle was approaching on the main road at 60mph. It was impossible to get any more sight of approaching traffic because of a building and a hump in the road.

He suggested that it would be better to have a staggered junction with different lighting and warning signs.

Coun Ken Coates agreed it was a bad corner, and that it would be wise to put up Black Spot signs to encourage drivers on the main road to slow down.

But Mr David Parsons, for the county engineer, said there had been only one accident in the last five years, and not a fatal one.

He pointed out that the junction has a Stop sign, now fairly unique, and that in itself should make drivers more wary. But he was arranging for an advance Stop sign to be put up and for direction signs to be changed. This would give more warning. It was really a case of motorists stopping and taking more care.

Coun Derek Peart commented that he uses the junction three or four times a week and could see nothing wrong with it.

Mr Forsyth told the Mercury after the meeting that he still has hopes that further changes will be made, including the installation of a mirror. His own feeling was that the accident record was worse than the statistics show.



A lorry passes the crossroads. A Mercury photographer who took this picture, after parking on the Woodland side of the junction, had to ease out to re-cross the road to see if anything was coming from the left. Before he could see, a lorry came at high speed from the right, and the driver waved an arm angrily at him, indicating that he was too far out into the main road. But everyone has to ease out further to get a view.

Eager boys who are all set to beaver away



Anniversary for church members

Members of Cothorstone Methodist church celebrate its anniversary with services this Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30 pm. For the morning service there will be a visit of Mr Kevin Watson, son of the Rev. and Mrs Edward Watson of Stanhope.

He will take the service and there will be singing by the Sunday school children.

The evening service will have the Rev. J. Moore of Barnard Castle School for the preacher. Quartets will be sung by members of the circuit male voice choir. A warm invitation is being extended to everyone to join in these services.

It was an important evening for 14 boys when they went to an investiture to be formally sworn into the 1st Staindrop Beaver Colony.

They all beamed as they were presented with blue neckers, woggles, membership badges, county badges, district badges, group name tags and certificates in the scout hall.

The items were handed over by Mr Stephen Turnbull, group scout leader, to Daniel Archer, James Ball, Andrew Brown, David Choules, Stephen Cook, Ian McCann, Jami Rand, Daniel Richardson, Paul West, Richard Williams, Edward Williamson,

Peter Hetherington, Ryan Bond and Michael Ivey.

They are the village's first Beavers. They meet Mondays 6-7.15pm. Some more boys aged 6-8 can be accepted if they go along to the scout hut while the colony is meeting.

The Beaver leader, Diane Ball, and assistant leader, Jill West, welcomed parents of all the boys, along with Colin Clarke, district commissioner, and Joan Wilkinson, assistant district commissioner.

After the ceremony the boys enjoyed trying on their neckers and woggles. Then they enjoyed tea, pop and cake with their parents.

Five gardens open

Five village gardens will again be open to the public at Gainford this Sunday 2-6pm under the National Gardens Scheme. Combined admission will be £1, or children 30p.

Teas will be on offer to all visitors, and there will be plants for sale. Together they show a wide range of what can be done in the village or country garden, and local enthusiasts say it is not to be missed.

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Cash for research

A concert by Bishop Auckland Operatic Society in aid of Barnard Castle branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research raised £165.13. Thanks were given by the branch to everyone who supported the event or helped in any way.

Man to do unpaid work for assault

A man charged with assault after a disturbance at Barnard Castle School, involving pupils from another school, was sentenced at Teesdale Court on Wednesday.

Paul Raine (20), formerly of Galgate, Barnard Castle, and now of Red Houses, was ordered to do 200 hours of community service and pay £200 compensation.

He was also fined £40 for using threatening words and behaviour, plus £10 costs. He admitted the offences at a previous hearing. Mr Brian Farrell, defending, said Raine was asked to go to the school with younger people, but did not intend to assault anyone.

A case against Jason Roberts, 17, Zetland Road, Barnard Castle, who admitted two similar charges, was adjourned for a social inquiry report.

Student banned

Student Geoffrey Lamb, 21, of Market Place, Barnard Castle was disqualified from driving for 12 months and fined £200 at Teesdale Court on Wednesday, after pleading guilty to driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his body.

People with plans

Teesdale Council's list of planning applications, covering the last few weeks when we hadn't enough space for them, is: Mr and Mrs D. Craggs, 3 Stobb Hill, Gainford, change of use of agricultural land to residential, and bathroom and conservatory extensions. Mr and Mrs T. Burn, Burn Lee, Bowes Close, Ramshaw, construction of additional living room.

Sirroco Ltd., Plot 2, Montalbo Estate, Barnard Castle, erection of 2,400 square feet of factory units. D.E.N. Cameron, 5 Prospect Terrace, Eggleston, remove corrugated perspex roof to rear lean-to, replace with mineral felt.

Mr and Mrs P. Craddock, High Skears, Snaisgill Road, Middleton, house extension to form granny flat. Mr and Mrs Metcalfe, 60 High Riggs, Barnard Castle, erection of single storey conservatory.

Mr G. James, Greystones, Middle Side, Middleton, conversion of farm building and incorporation of part of farmhouse to form holiday accommodation and external WC and small store. Mr and Mrs C.E. Sowerby, land rear of 13 Copley, erection of 2 storey rear extension to form kitchen with bathroom.

Mr and Mrs K. Crabtree, Spring Lodge, Barnard Castle, alter building by insertion of windows, extensions to form conservatory, living/dining room, study, store, bathroom and bedroom and convert to form a dwelling. Mr T. Chisholm, Kings Head Hotel, 14 Market Place, Barnard Castle, alterations to window and door openings in archway area.

Glaxo, Barnard Castle, erection of temporary inflammable liquid store.

Wm Smith and Sons Ltd., Grove Works, Barnard Castle, demolition of building. Mrs A. Swinbank, Springfield, 2 Spa Road, Gainford, proposed conversion to form 3 flats and provision of car parking for 3 vehicles only on land at Davison's Haulage Yard, Main Road, Gainford. J.J.J. West, Hollin Hill, Hamsterley, erection of a single storey extension providing entrance porch, cloakroom and WC.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Kenny, 14 Balmer Hill, Gainford, erect open porch to front, and rear extension to form dining room and bedroom. Orchard Grove Devs, 34 Swan St, Evenwood, conversion of shop area to two flats and erection of two flats in separate building to rear.

Mr and Mrs J. Birch, Oaks Farm, Evenwood, conversion of outbuilding to form dwelling. Mr and Mrs J. Deakin, Mickleton Post Office, alterations to shop and extension to form store, plus extension to kitchen and erection of garage and store.

Mr R. Prentice, Arkendale House, Romaldkirk, small paned sash windows at front, three stone built dormers at rear, widen rear windows, insert small paned windows. Mr Hill, Oddfellows Arms, Barnard Castle, illuminated sign at front. William Smith and Sons Ltd, Grove Works, Barnard Castle, widen access, form parking areas and erect factory. Mr and Mrs A. S. Thompson, Chapel House, Boldron, form vehicle access and construction of drive across field.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Laybourn, the Owls, Hagg Lane, Cothorstone, construction of swimming pool and building above. M. and M. (Chemists) Ltd., 12 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, extension to wine bar. Mr. M. J. Rudd, Red Well Inn, Barnard Castle, change of use and conversion of 1st floor accommodation into 7 letting bedrooms and retaining 1 en suite bedroom and lounge, plus conversion of outbuilding to private accommodation.

I. S. V. C. Sanderson, 4 Front Street, Staindrop, removal of transome lights and installation of 6 pane bow windows both sides of doorway and four paned door with solid base. F. Simpson and Son, the Croft, Cockfield, installation of retractable shop canopy and canopy box. Mr and Mrs. B. Fairs, Kenya Lodge, Laneside, Middleton, extensions to provide porch, utility room and conservatory, erection of timber stables in paddock to east of house.

S. and J. E. Corner, garden land at 1 Lane Head, Copley, erect dwelling house or bungalow (outline). Mr. J. E. Mabillard, land south of 2 Town Head, Middleton, erect bungalow (outline).

A. Hustwit and E. Teesdale, land adjoining 39 Front Street, Cockfield, erect one house (outline). T. I. Allinson, Bowes Station, erect service station/rest stop/lorry park and motel. J. A. Brookes, land south of Lowside, Mickleton, erection of 3 dwellings (two houses and one bungalow) (outline).

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The wedding has taken place at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church of Mr Christopher Thomas Pearson, elder son of Mr and Mrs V. Pearson of Burn View, Eggleston, and Miss Brenda Armstrong, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Armstrong of Kirkby Stephen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Grantham and the lesson read by Dr. Mark Rutter, cousin of the bridegroom. The bridegroom is a chartered surveyor and the bride is a catering officer.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a crystal and pearl embroidered dress in ivory silk with puff sleeves and waterfall frills. Her veil was held in place by a coronet of flowers and she carried a

bouquet of roses, freesias and carnations. She was attended by her sister Karen who wore a dress of buff silk with cream sash.

Small attendants were Hayley Calvert, cousin of the bride, and Laura and Emily Joel, nieces of the bridegroom. They wore ballet length dresses in cream silk with buff sashes. They wore flowered headdresses and carried similar flowers to the bride's.

Best man was Mr John Harrison. Ushers were Mr James Pearson and Mr Glyn Armstrong, brothers of the couple, along with Mr Cliff Fisher and Mr Andrew Thompson.

The couple, who had a honeymoon in Jamaica, are making their home at Nuney near Frome, Somerset.

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